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Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Montana; American U MPA; Montana JD

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Silver Bow County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

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**Supreme Court Justice:** Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor

**Number of Judgeships:** 12

**Number of Vacancies:** 1

**Areas Covered:** Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming

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**Mary Beck Briscoe**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Kansas 1969 BA, 1973 JD; Virginia 1990 LLM  
Began Service: May 31, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Attorney-Examiner, Financial Division, Interstate Commerce Commission (1973-1974); Assistant United States Attorney, District of Kansas, United States Department of Justice (1974-1984)

**Judicial:** Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals (1984-1990); Chief Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals (1990-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Researcher, Harold L. Haun, Attorney (1973)

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**Paul J. Kelly**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Notre Dame 1963 BBA; Fordham 1967 JD  
Began Service: April 14, 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** State Representative (R-NM), New Mexico House of Representatives (1977-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hinkle, Bondurant, Cox & Eaton (1967-1971); Partner, Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley (1971-1992)

**Current Memberships:** The Oliver Seth American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association; Santa Fe County Bar Association; State Bar of New Mexico

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**Carlos F. Lucero**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Adams State 1961 BA; George Washington 1964 JD  
Began Service: July 22, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable William E. Doyle, United States District Court for the District of Colorado (1964-1965)

**Government:** Staff Assistant, Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate (1963-1964)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Law Office of Jesse E. Pound (1965-1966); Partner, Pound & Lucero (1966-1980); Partner, Lucero, Lester & Sigmond (1980-1995)

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**Michael R. Murphy**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Creighton 1969 BA;  
Wyoming 1972 JD  
Began Service: October 5, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable David Lewis, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (1972-1973)

**Judicial:** Judge, Utah District Court, Third Judicial District (1986-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Jones, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough (1973-1986)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; The Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Utah Bar Association

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**Harris L. Hartz**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Harvard 1967 AB, 1972 JD  
Began Service: December 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Illinois College of Law (1976)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of New Mexico, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Gerald Ford Administration (1972-1975); Counsel and Executive Director, Governor's Commission on Organized Crime Prevention, Office of the Governor, State of New Mexico (1976-1979)

**Judicial:** Judge, New Mexico Court of Appeals (1988-1999)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Poole, Tinnin & Martin, PA (1979-1982); Associate, Miller, Stratvert & Torgerson, P.A. (1982-1983); Shareholder, Miller, Stratvert & Torgerson, P.A. (1983-1988); Special Counsel, Stier, Anderson & Malone (1999-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Law Institute

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